



# TIPPECANNEWS

## N. Hyatt and Tipp-Cowlesville Road Construction

As you are reading this article North Hyatt Street has been asphalt resurfaced between Park Avenue and Comanche Lane and open to traffic as part of our North Hyatt Street Reconstruction Phase II Project. LJ DeWeese Company, of Tipp City, was awarded the North Hyatt Street contract which also includes widening North Hyatt Street to three lanes from Comanche Lane north to the existing three-lane section of Tipp-Cowlesville Road. North Hyatt Street/Tipp-Cowlesville Road will be closed to traffic during this construction project, which is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving, weather permitting. Please follow the posted detour during the construction period. This project was made possible due to a \$400,000 grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission and a \$135,000 contribution from the Miami County Engineer's Office. **For updates on road construction, please call 667-6293.**



## Beggar's Night

**Beggar's Night for this year in Tipp City and Monroe Township has been set for Thursday, October 30th from 6 – 8 p.m.**



## Rate Increase for Sanitation

Waste Management announced new rates which will take effect in September and October for trash pick-up. Bills will be adjusted by \$0.26 on September 1 due to the increase in tipping fees at the Miami County Transfer Station by \$3.50 per ton. Also, a contractual increase is scheduled for October 1st and will bring rates to the following:

	<i>Current Rate</i>	<i>9/1/2008</i>	<i>10/1/2008</i>
<b>Regular Rate</b>	16.54	16.80	17.45
<b>Toter Rate</b>	19.54	19.80	20.45
<b>Low Volume Rate</b>	10.66	10.92	11.34

If you have any questions regarding the new rates, please contact the Utilities Department at 667-8424. For questions or assistance with your service, please contact Waste Management at 1-866-695-3433.



## Dog Day at the Pool

For the first time the Tippecanoe Family Aquatic Center is planning to serve four legged patrons. On September 1st from 6 – 8 p.m. we will celebrate *Dog Day at the Pool*. We invite all dogs to come relax in the pool for the last hours of operation of the summer season. Dogs must be able to play nicely with others and must remain on a leash. Owners must be prepared to take a dip, if necessary. Only one dog per person. You do not need to be a member of the TFAC to take part in this fun event. Cost is \$5 per dog.

## Haz Mat Exercise

The Tipp City Fire Department and other Miami County emergency responders will be conducting a hazardous material exercise at Meijer Distribution Center on September 21, 2008. The Miami County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is required to have a Haz Mat exercise annually to meet State requirements. This exercise will include Fire Departments from Miami

County and other First Responders such as Meijer's response team, EMS, Police, and The Upper Valley Medical Center.

The exercise will start at 8 a.m. and end about noon on Sunday, September 21. The exercise will take place only on Meijer's property and will not affect local traffic. The purpose of the drill is to train responders to work together and improve their skills to control a large Haz Mat incident.

## Pad Mounted Transformer?

Ever wonder what that green metal box is in your neighborhood or even your own yard? These green boxes house high voltage utility equipment that can pose a serious safety hazard if treated or handled inappropriately. While they aren't the most attractive items in your yard they do serve an important purpose. In areas that are served by underground facilities, pad mount transformers or "those green boxes," are placed at selected intervals along main electric lines near streets. In the event of an equipment failure or a power outage, it's important that our workers have safe access to the equipment to make needed repairs. Electric equipment must be visually and physically accessible to utility crews at all times.

If landscaping is placed too close to the transformer service restoration efforts can be delayed and inadequate air circulation can cause equipment failure. Adequate clearance is required around all pad mounted transformers. Tipp City Electric requires 6' clearance at the door and 3' in all other directions of the pad mounted transformer. If you install plantings closer to the enclosure we reserve the right to remove or trim them as needed to gain safe and prompt access. It is important to remember not to place shrubs or other obstructions on the padlock side of the padmount transformers. This side must be kept clear if maintenance work is to be completed. Easier access to the equipment will enable workers to repair

damages safely and more quickly than if they were hindered by landscaping too near the equipment.

Pad mounted transformers are dangerous, high voltage equipment and should always be treated with caution. **Never** attempt to drill holes, attach or mount any items to the enclosures. These are **never** items for children to play on or around. Lastly, keep in mind that a pad mount transformer indicates that buried lines are in the area, so **always** call Ohio Utility Protection (OUPS) at 800-362-2764 before you dig. 🌿



## Mercury Exchange Program

Tipp City Municipal Utilities is once again helping our community help the environment. On **Saturday, September 27th, 2008 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, Tipp City Municipal Utilities will be exchanging mercury fever thermometers and mercury switches in exchange for digital thermometers.

To exchange thermometers and switches, residents should bring them to the **Tipp City Municipal Tent at the Mum Festival, located at the City Park, corner of Parkwood and N. Third Street, in the thermometer's original plastic case or sealed in two plastic bags.** Not to be confused with alcohol thermometers, mercury thermometers contain silver liquid, whereas alcohol thermometers contain red or blue liquid. Only mercury thermometers will be exchanged. 🌿

## Energy Depot

Tipp City Electric is pleased to offer you Energy Depot®, a new set of online tools and resources to help you better understand and manage your home energy use and costs. Energy Depot is your one-stop resource for energy information and it's available free.

### You Can Use Energy Depot To:

- ✓ Receive a personalized energy profile with an estimate of your energy costs for each home energy system/appliance
- ✓ Learn specific things you can do to reduce energy use and how much you can save
- ✓ Complete a do-it-yourself home energy audit and receive your report online
- ✓ Quickly estimate the annual energy use and cost of home energy systems and appliances
- ✓ Compare your heating and cooling systems or water heater to a range of new systems
- ✓ Learn how soon you can pay for a new more efficient heating or cooling system or water heater through lower energy bills
- ✓ Use the Energy Library to answer your energy questions
- ✓ Get answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding home energy use
- ✓ And more... [http://www.tippcityohio.gov/energy\\_efficiency.cfm](http://www.tippcityohio.gov/energy_efficiency.cfm) 🌿



## Important City Contacts

- **Automated Attendant/Direct Connect**  
669-TIPP
- **Police, Fire and EMS (EMERGENCY)**  
9-1-1
- **Miami County Communications Center (Non-Emergency)**  
440-9911
- **Police (Non-Emergency)**  
667-3112
- **Fire and EMS (Non-Emergency)**  
667-9199 or 667-1680
- **Utility Billing**  
667-8424
- **Planning/Zoning**  
667-6305
- **Engineering and Utilities**  
667-6305
- **Refuse Collection (Waste Management)**  
866-695-3433
- **Service Center (Parks and Streets)**  
667-8234
- **City Manager's Office**  
667-8425
- **Clerk of Council**  
506-3173
- **Construction Notice Update**  
667-6293

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